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The claims defining the invention are as follows:

1. A lockable storage case for containing an information storage medium, the lockable storage case comprising:
 - a storage case including:
 - 5 a first cover, the first cover including a seating area to seat the information storage medium, and
 - a second cover coupled to the first cover that may be placed on the first cover; and
 - a lock adapted to be disposed within both the first cover and the second cover, so that
 - 10 substantially all of the lock is disposed inside the storage case, thereby locking the first cover to the second cover;
 - wherein said lock includes at least one catch mechanism whereby application of a magnetic field proximate to the catch mechanism is effective to move the catch mechanism from a first position to a second position in which the lock can be removed from the case.
- 15 2. A storage case for storing an information storage medium, the storage case comprising:
 - a first cover, the first cover including a seating area to seat the information storage medium, and a first cover lock receiving path;
 - a second cover pivotably coupled to said first cover by a spine whereby the second cover can be moved to a closed position over the first cover to restrict access to the seating area,
 - 20 the second cover including a second cover lock receiving path;
 - wherein the first and second cover lock receiving paths are disposed on the first and second covers so that when the first and second covers are moved to the closed position, the first cover lock receiving path communicates with the second cover lock receiving path to produce a combined lock receiving path; and
 - 25 a lock which includes at least one catch mechanism whereby application of a magnetic field proximate to the catch mechanism is effective to move the catch mechanism from a first position to a second position in which the lock can be removed from the case;
 - wherein substantially all of the lock is inside the storage case when said lock is inserted into the combined lock receiving path.

3. A storage case for storing an information storage medium, the storage case comprising:
 - a first cover, the first cover including a seating area to seat the information storage medium, and a first cover lock receiving path;
 - a second cover pivotably coupled to said first cover by a spine whereby the second
 - 5 cover can be moved to a closed position over the first cover to restrict access to the seating area, the second cover including a second cover lock receiving path;
 - wherein the first and second cover lock receiving paths are disposed on the first and second covers so that when the first and second covers are moved to the closed position, the first cover lock receiving path communicates with the second cover lock receiving path to
 - 10 produce a combined lock receiving path;
 - a hub which is effective to receive and retain the information storage medium, the hub being centered on the first cover; and
 - a lock which includes at least one catch mechanism whereby application of a magnetic field proximate to the catch mechanism is effective to move the catch mechanism from a first
 - 15 position to a second position in which the lock can be removed from the case;
 - wherein substantially all of the lock is inside the storage case when said lock is inserted into the combined lock receiving path; and
 - removal of the seated information storage medium is inhibited when said lock is inserted into the case.
- 20 4. The storage case of claim 2 or claim 3, wherein the first cover includes a base and the second cover includes a base, and the first lock receiving path is disposed on the base of the first cover and the second lock receiving path is disposed on the base of the second cover.
5. The storage case of the lockable storage case of claim 1, or the storage case of any one of claims 2 to 4, wherein said lock further includes a source tag or an electronic surveillance
- 25 tag.

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